

**AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS:**


Please amend the claims as indicated below.

B1 1. (Currently Amended) A data processing method of allocating payments to each respective one of a plurality of investor accounts comprising:

- (a) defining a plurality of investor accounts in at least one database,
- (b) obtaining an initial monetary amount from each of a plurality of investors,
- (c) associating said initial amount from each of said plurality of investors with a respective one of said plurality of investor accounts in the at least one database,
- (d) identifying the initial ownership of a patent in the at least one database,
- (e) using at least one algorithm for assessing the value of the patent, and entering the assessed value of the patent in at least one database,
- (f) paying a monetary amount to said initial ownership of said patent upon the transfer of title <sup>to</sup> said patent to a subsequent owner other than the plurality of investors.
- ~~(f)~~(g) obtaining at least one payment from ~~said-an~~ initial user ownership of said patent, and
- ~~(g)~~(h) allocating said at least one payment from said initial user ownership to such respective one of said plurality of investor accounts in the at least one database.

2. (Currently Amended) A data processing method of allocating revenue to each respective one of a plurality of investor accounts comprising:

- (a) identify a patent covering an invention in use by at least an initial user,
- (b) identifying the initial ownership of the patent,
- (c) using at least one algorithm for assessing the value of the patent based, at least in part, on the anticipated future use of the patent by the initial user and entering the assessed value of the patent in at least one database,
- (d) using at least one algorithm for determining a cash flow stream containing at least one payment related to the assessed value of the patent,

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- (e) paying in at least one payment to said initial ownership an amount related to the assessed value of the patent in the database in exchange for transfer of the title to said patent to a subsequent owner,
  - (f) obtaining the amount paid for transfer of title from a plurality of investor accounts,
  - (g) associating with each respective one of said plurality of investor accounts in the at least one database the proportion of the amount paid to the initial owner that came from each respective one of said plurality of investor accounts,
  - (h) granting a license to said initial user for the use of said patent from said subsequent owner in exchange for an agreement by said initial user to make at least one payment at a specified time after the payment is made to transfer title,
  - (i) collecting at least one payment from said initial user within a specified time after said payment to transfer title, said payment being entered into the at least one database, and
  - (j) using at least one algorithm for allocating to each respective one of said plurality of investor accounts in the at least one database a portion of said at least one payment from said initial user representing the proportion of the payment to transfer title associated with each respective one of said plurality of investor accounts.

3. (Previously Amended) A data processing method of allocating revenue to the accounts of each respective one of a plurality of accounts comprising:

- (a) identifying a patent,
- (b) identifying the original ownership of the patent,
- (c) using at least one algorithm for assessing the value of the patent and entering the assessed value of the patent in at least one database,
- (d) using at least one algorithm for determining a future cash flow stream related to the assessed value of the patent before the time the title to the patent is acquired from the original ownership,
- (e) obtaining title to the patent in exchange for paying not more than the assessed value of the patent to the original ownership,

<e1> allocating said payment to the original ownership to a plurality of investor accounts in the at least one database,

<e2> associating with each account in the at least one database the percentage payment for each respective one of the investor accounts,

(f) granting a license to the original ownership to use the patent in exchange for the ownership's agreement to pay the future cash flow stream related to the assessed value of the patent,

(g) collecting at least one payment from said original ownership from said future cash flow stream related to the assessed value of the patent, and

(h) allocating said at least one payment from said original ownership from said future cash flow stream related to the assessed value of the patent to each respective one of said investor accounts in the at least one database.

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